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TRAFFIC ALERT: Emergency Pothole Daytime Repair to Cause Significant Delays Friday and Tuesday in Utah County

I-15 CORE crews to close three lanes to conduct emergency pavement repair from Lehi to American Fork

LEHI, Utah (Jan. 6, 2011) — I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) must conduct emergency pavement repair on Interstate 15 between the Lehi Main Street and American Fork 500 East interchanges **on Friday, Jan. 7, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the southbound side and again on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the northbound side.** Work is weather-dependent.

The activity will require a three-lane closure that is expected to **cause significant delays of more than an hour** as crews work to resurface the roadway and repair damaged areas. Lane restrictions may begin prior to the start time, but all three lanes will not be closed until the approved time each morning. To minimize delays for drivers, the southbound on-ramp at 1200 West in Lehi will be closed coinciding with the lane restrictions on I-15. The eastbound Pioneer Crossing to southbound I-15 on-ramp will also be closed.

Multiple potholes caused by fluctuating temperatures, heavy precipitation and sections of deteriorating asphalt require resurfacing to ensure the safety of drivers. Crews will remove 4 inches of existing asphalt and fill the affected areas with a hot asphalt mix. The hot asphalt mix must have warmer temperatures and dry conditions, necessitating the daytime restrictions.

This asphalt repair will be a longer-term solution until the pavement is replaced with a more durable 40-year concrete as part of the I-15 CORE project.

UDOT advises the following:

- People traveling through Lehi and American Fork should avoid the interstate as much as possible.
- UDOT will be working with cities to time signals to keep traffic moving on local streets.
- On Friday, the suggested alternate route for southbound freeway travelers is to exit the freeway in Lehi at 1200 West, take State Street to American Fork Main Street to 2000 West in Pleasant Grove, and reconnect with the freeway at the Pleasant Grove Blvd interchange. Signs will be posted to guide motorists.

- On Tuesday, the suggested alternate route for northbound freeway travelers is to exit the freeway at 500 East in American Fork and take State Street.
- Drivers are encouraged to TravelWise, adjust travel times or plan ahead for significant delays through this area. Please use extra caution driving through the construction area all winter long.
- Because these repairs are weather-dependent and could change with little notice, UDOT strongly recommends drivers sign up for e-mail alerts at www.udot.utah.gov/i15core and follow I-15 CORE social media updates on twitter (twitter.com/i15core), facebook (facebook.com/i15core) and text (i15 to 53535) for up-to-the-minute information. These methods are the fastest way to get last-minute information to make an informed decision before heading out on the road.

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Construction activities and dates are subject to change. Dates are weather permitting and could change with short notice.